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FRONTIER CLASH.

SHOTS HEARD ACROSS THE BORDER.
POSITION NOW QUIET.

News received from the border indicate that there has been firing going on at Shumchun in Chinese territory. It is presumed by the British authorities that there had been a skirmish between the Yueh Kwan (native troops) and the Cadets.

The latest report received this morning says that the position is now quiet and no more firing has been heard.

Canton Troops Disarmed.

Before this edition went to press the "Wah Taz Yat Po" issued an extra to the effect that General Yeung Kwan-yu, a pro-Chan Kwing-ming commander on the East River sector, had disarmed some Kuomintang troops this morning.

Those defeated were under Lam She-nai, who, it is stated, is not in favour of Canton.

Machine-guns were brought up into action when Lam's men refused to surrender and there were several casualties.

It is not supposed that the action has more than local significance.

THE MORAL SCOURGE

SINGAPORE AND VENEREAL DISEASE.

THE POSITION SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. The Colonial Office's Advisory Committee on social hygiene, in its first report, dealt with the Draft Ordinance on venereal disease at Singapore prepared by the Government of the Straits Settlements for submission to the Legislative Council.

The Committee says the position at Singapore is serious and must be handled at the earliest moment, especially in view of the approaching enlargement of the Naval Base. It unanimously opines that the Ordinance does not provide an effective remedy and strongly recommends it should not be passed into law. It recommends the Government of the Straits to take measures to improve social conditions in Singapore, especially as regards the immigration of female with male Chinese; housing, education and recreational facilities; and to appoint a mixed (Commission of Europeans, Chinese, and Malays, to enquire into the social and economic conditions of the poor of Singapore, and to organise a medical service at Singapore with a view to the treatment of venereal disease as an integral part of preventive medicine, and prepare a scheme of free facilities and diagnosis of treatment for the whole population, and frame a policy looking to the early suppression of brothels and an increase in the personnel of the powers of the Chinese Protectorate, in order adequately to protect women and girls, not merely Chinese, but those of other races.

The report especially recommends that every effort should be made to enlist sympathy and goodwill of the Chinese community.

KNOCKED DOWN.

EUROPEAN INVOLVED IN TWO ACCIDENTS.

PORTUGUESE LADY INJURED.

Four persons were injured in a series of motor accidents at Kowloon yesterday evening.

A small Chinese girl, who was alleged to have been crossing the road in front of a motor truck owned by the Lee Hing firm, was knocked down at Shinghai Street. She suffered injuries to the head and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

At Coronation Road an earth cooler sustained bodily injuries by coming in the path of a motor car, which was reported to have been driven by a European.

A report was made later by Mr. Andrew Harper that he was involved in the accident, and he also informed the Police that a Portuguese lady and a child were knocked down by his car. Mr. Harper took the injured persons to Dr. Wong at Homantin, who had them conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The condition of the Portuguese lady is stated to be critical.

MACAO'S SAFETY.

SOLDIERS FROM LISBON ARRIVE.

WELCOME REINFORCEMENTS.

Much satisfaction is felt at the arrival, which took place yesterday, of some two hundred and fifty soldiers from Portugal, and about the same number of black troops from Lourenço Marques. The transport brings also large quantities of ammunition. The extension of the Sino-Portuguese frontier at Macao, consequent upon the reclamation to the N.W. of the isthmus, has necessitated the strengthening of the forces usually stationed there.

Foodstuffs Seized.

On Saturday morning a sampan proceeding from Macao to the Revenue Cruising Launch Paktan at Chinsan with fresh beef, tinned foods and ice was stopped by troops who seized these goods. Later in the day, the beef was returned, but putrefaction had set in.

For weeks these troops have been impeding the importation of

SOLD UP.

CHINESE FIRMS FEEL THE PINCH.

20 DEBTORSTRAITS DAILY.

Significant of the dire consequences which the strike is having on local Chinese is the fact that as many as twenty debtors (the selling up of the personal property of tenants who cannot pay their rent) are being enforced daily on behalf of landlords and in respect of arrears.

The defaulters relate to shops, business houses and ordinary household tenants and an official with whom a "China Mail" representative conversed this morning said that such numbers had never been known before. In the ordinary course of events there might be one or perhaps two in the course of the day but very seldom any more.

Asked if the 15 per cent. increase landlords were authorised to make in the rent was to blame, the official said that this was but a small factor. The main one was that no business at all was being done in the case of the firms and the reason for many tenants not being able to

YORKSHIRE ON TOP.

HOME COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONS.

HOW THE RIVALS STAND.

Yorkshire are almost certain to win the county cricket championship for the fourth year in succession. A glance at the table—published with the latest results elsewhere in this issue—will show the lead they have already established. They have only two more county engagements, viz., against Sussex and Somerset, both away. They must lose these outright and Surrey must win its remaining fixture to beat Yorkshire.

Lancashire cannot get above Yorkshire even if the latter lose both their matches and the Red Rose obtain full points in their remaining fixtures, viz., against Sussex and Kent, both away.

Surrey have only one more match, that with Middlesex at Lord's—a formidable proposition. If Surrey win and Yorkshire only get one point out of their two matches then the two leaders will

MONEY BEST.

CHINESE MILITARY DEFY STRIKERS.

FOODSTUFFS FOR MACAO.

(An Occasional Correspondent.)

Macao, August 26.

Although it has been reported that Canton's Strike Executive has asked for the Chinese warships to cut Macao off from communication by water, with its hinterland, vessels are still reaching this port.

Now that the Shekki tow-boat has ceased running, armed launches bearing the standards of local military commanders are arriving at the vicinity of Macao. Such boats carry both passengers, and fruit and foodstuffs, and take merchandise back.

Apparently, it is a case of the military making hay while the sun shines, irrespective of the labour professionals' desires.

OPIUM & DRUGS.

POINTS FROM PRESENT CONFERENCE.

NONE FOR MACAO?

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, August 25.

The morning's sitting of the Opium Committee considered the reports of various Governments respecting smuggling.

The problem of the cultivation of coca occasioned a lengthy discussion, Sir John Jordan urging the restriction of cultivation but the Committee felt that the provisions of the recent Convention covered the matter. Sir John Campbell denied that coca was cultivated in India.

The Canadian report showed a considerable decrease in the import of drugs.

M. Bourgeois (France), in an important statement, said he was convinced France will ratify the recent Convention. Sir Malcolm Delevingne drew attention to the large quantity of morphine exported from France in 1923 to Greece and Cuba. M. Bourgeois promised to enquire and to take necessary measures.

Sir John Campbell declared that India had stopped the export of opium to Macao and Persia because of the illegitimate purpose to which the opium had been used. He added that India reserved the right to act thus in all cases where evidence of misuse was produced.

The afternoon's session of the League's Advisory Committee on Opium, which is enquiring into smuggling, disposed of the reports of the various Governments.

In connection with the Indian report, Mr. Hamilton (United States) asked why the Government had not prevented the export from British North Borneo of the Philippines. Sir John Campbell (India) replied that the Indian Government had given the matter careful consideration. The export from North Borneo was trifling compared to the 17,000 tons exported from China. Sir Malcolm Delevingne denied there was extensive smuggling from Borneo to the Philippines.

Sir Malcolm proceeded to scrutinise the Japanese report for 1923 and drew attention to the large quantity of cocaine manufactured, totalling 17,000 kilograms. Dr. Tsurumi (Japan) read a lengthy statement on the policy of the Japanese Government showing that imports and exports of manufactured opium had been strictly controlled and the manufacture restricted to the needs of the country and the external trade for medical and scientific purposes. Sir John Campbell also drew attention to the large stock of morphine in Japan which is alleged to total upwards of a million ounces.

[An earlier cable read:—In the course of the proceedings in the League of Nations Opium Committee, Dr. Tsurumi announced that Japan would ratify the Opium Conventions elaborated at the recent international conferences.]

PRINCE GEORGE.

H.R.H. Prince George, whose unobtrusive attendance at yesterday's public meeting was noticed by a few, was present on Saturday last at a dance at the Seamen's Institute, arranged by the Lower Deck men of the flagship.

He participated in a large number of the dances and entered with enthusiasm into the "bug" dances which were a feature of the programme.



The Arlington Hotel, Santa Barbara, in which seven people were reported to have died and many to have been injured when the walls collapsed during the earthquake.

NOT TRUSTED?

CANTON STRIKE LEADERS DISARMED.

ASSASSINATION SEQUEL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 24.

Because of suspicion spreading to labour guilds after the assassination of Liu Chung-ol, strikers are not allowed to carry weapons indiscriminately as heretofore.

Ever since the strike began everybody who bore a badge of the Strike Executive could carry arms. Now orders have been issued by the Kuomintang, that only pickets, actually on duty and in uniform, can carry short or long firearms. It is understood that a few of the principal leaders still retain their revolvers.

There is an under-current of strong feeling.

TYPHOON ABOUT.

MANY REPORTS TO HAND.

The following telegrams have been sent to the local American Consulate General by the Manila Observatory:—

Received at 12.30 p.m.:—

Cyclone or typhoon south of Naha, moving N.N.E.
Typhoon in about Lat. 31 N. Long. 137 E., moving N.W.

Received at 12.40 p.m.:—

Typhoon in about Lat. 20 N. Long. 127 E., moving N.
Typhoon in about Lat. 19 N. Long. 111 E., moving N.W.
Typhoon in about Lat. 30 N. Long. 135 E., moving N.W.

pay was that the owner of the family was absent, probably in Canton or elsewhere. Some of the women left behind to their own devices in this manner had managed to pay their way for a time by hawking—but even this means of subsistence had now been taken away from them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—At the mass indignation meeting held at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday evening, when the views of various members of the audience were expressed and received with general approbation, it is felt that Mr. Best, in expressing his opinion, passed certain remarks concerning Americans which, to say the least, were in extremely bad taste and in no manner relevant to the subject under discussion.

It can only be surmised that Mr. Best's manner of speaking was probably due to the fact that his speech was impromptu. His error was that he stated his personal views of an incident which, though, maybe was of argumentative interest to himself, was no concern of the meeting in general.

In spite of Mr. Best it is presumed that his statements in no way expressed the view of the meeting and it must be generally felt that an apology is due to the American community here.

In view of the attitude adopted by the Americans in the Colony in the recent chaos and their plainly outspoken views which confirm their sympathy with the British interests at stake, it will be readily admitted that a totally unwarranted indictment has been made against them and it devolves upon Mr. Best to withdraw his statements as speedily as possible.

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Lancashire and Surrey will have a good race for the second berth. Middlesex have fallen from grace in the closing stages.

—W.P.C.

CAR IN NULLAH.

YESTERDAY'S RACECOURSE INCIDENT.

A motor car owned by a Chinese crashed through the railing at the top end of the racecourse at Happy Valley and fell into the nullah yesterday afternoon. The driver of the car attributes the accident to a defect in the steering gear.

No persons were injured, but the car sustained damage.

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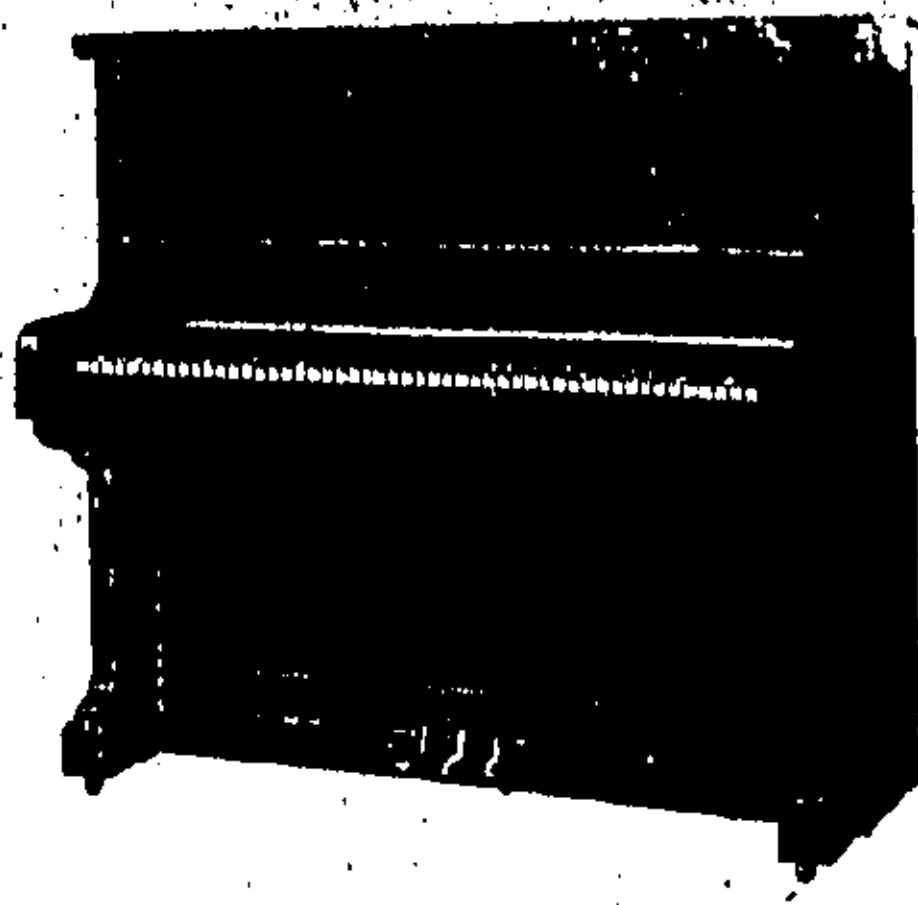
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Hongkong, Wednesday, August 26, 1925.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

Yesterday's public meeting was such a signal success in almost every way that we are distinctly reluctant to utter a note of reproof. This reluctance is not due to any fear that our remarks will be quoted in a speech by Mr. C. C. Wu as evidence of disunity; it is due solely to an anxiety lest we be misunderstood to be criticising the achievement which the meeting represents. To have organized the largest public meeting in the history of the Colony and to have carried it through with the éclat which marked yesterday's proceedings is a triumph that cannot be belittled. Nor can anything but the highest praise be given to the principal speakers and to the telegram which was adopted with only negligible dissent. The sole object of the meeting was to send the Prime Minister a message that doing this in any glowing spirit would impress him with the gravity of the situation in South China; that would drive home the same way as the British would in vital point that the problem here is

undeniable statements, and it is, as we say, distinctly unfortunate that any suggestion to the contrary should have gained utterance, even irresponsibly, at a Hongkong public meeting of such importance as yesterday's. However it must be remembered that the statement was merely an individual opinion expressed in a moment of excitement—the speaker was perhaps a little carried away by the "heady" experience of addressing a huge meeting—and it did not in any sense represent the feeling of the meeting, least of all of the Chairman and his supporters, every thoughtful person knowing quite well that Britain is not the only nation with interests in South China, though the lead devolves on her, of course, as her stake in this part of the world, taking Hongkong alone, far exceeds that of any other single Power. The days of the "Arrow" incident are past, and individual punitive measures are no longer possible in a world of international diplomatic intercourse. Apart from the purely minor incident we have mentioned above, the meeting was a signal success, and everyone with interests in South China—American as well as British—must cordially thank the promoters for enabling them to add their voice to the demand for immediate action to save the Colony and its trade from ruin. Britain, as we have said, is the country that must take the lead. The telegram which yesterday evening's meeting despatched to the Prime Minister is one that makes the path of duty clear. If Mr. Baldwin heeds the call, Hongkong will be saved, and every community here, the American among the rest, will be able to rejoice at the common benefit thus achieved.

VENEZUELA AND CANTON.

It cannot be gainsaid that international complications might well result from a blockade of Canton instituted by the British Government not acting in concert with other Powers. In what light, for instance, would other Powers look upon prevention which might have to be forcible of the landing of cargo at Canton by ships running under the particular national flag, even if they entered British waters in the West River (and there is no necessity for them so to do in order to get to Canton). How, again, would any such cargo be dealt with? These are questions which must have presented themselves to all who have given that particular aspect a moment's thought and if Mr. Fitzroy's argument had been along those lines his views would probably have been much more generally endorsed. The analogy he drew between the proposed measures to end the present intolerable situation in South China and events in the South American Republic, Venezuela, in 1902, weakened his argument considerably, however, although not by reason of any inaccuracies such as Mr. Best, the speaker who followed him alleged, because Mr. Best was obviously referring to incidents there which took place some years previous to those referred to by Mr. Fitzroy. The facts regarding these latter as recorded by historians are as follows. The Government of Venezuela was at the time in the hands of an oligarchy who governed to suit their own convenience. The President (Castro) ruled for eight years as a dictator, his methods being corrupt, and revolutionary and in defiance of obligations to the foreign creditors of the country. The wrongs inflicted by him on companies, and individuals of various nationalities who had invested capital in industrial enterprises in Venezuela, led to a blockade of the ports by the British in conjunction with Germany and Italy, and as diplomacy proved of no avail to obtain reparation, coercion had to be adopted. President Roosevelt's attitude on behalf of America was at first in favour of Venezuela, owing to what he considered the violation of the principles of the Monroe doctrine. This attitude, however, considerably changed when it was found that President Castro treated the interests of Americans with the same high-handed contempt for honesty and justice as those of other nationalities. Finally the matter was referred to the Hague Court of Arbitration and there followed an enforced settlement of the claims in question. This settlement of reliable historians' accounts, with the following comment: "The Country which up to the time of the blockade had been

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Those who are members of the orchestra embrace many nationalities." Mr. Garratt concludes: "There is one thing that a traveller can say, and that is that at whatever port he lands, he is sure to find Scotsmen—a race that has migrated all over the earth. But ever bound together by their art and songs. As Sir Harry (Lauder) told an interviewer: 'Our songs fill us with patriotism, love and justice. These seem to keep us fairly on the right road! The bond of music is the traveller's best passport.'"

THE COST OF IT. All out for "direct action" should pause to consider what it may cost. "After several years' work the League of Nations has finished the first complete record of losses from the World War, officially compiled from all sources. They are:—

9,986,771 known dead;
2,981,900 presumed dead;
6,295,512 seriously wounded;
G\$186,333,537,097 direct cost of war;
G\$29,960,000,000 property loss of war;
G\$33,551,276,280 capitalised value of loss of life.

In assessing the capitalised value of life loss the League figured the value of a human life for war purposes at \$4,720 for Americans, \$4,140 for British, \$2,900 for French, etc.

The Cathedral of a Loathsome Chaplain in a recent sermon had something to say on the alleged representation of British life in certain films. Here is a note, taken from a Home paper on another kind of film which rightly bears the above caption.

Moscow is exploiting the cinema in its insidious campaign against Britain and British prestige. Advertisements in the Moscow papers announce that the Goskino, the Soviet Kinematograph Trust, has completed, after a month's hard work, a 16,000-ft. film entitled "The Yellow Race." It depicts the life of the Chinese factory workers, and the villain is an Englishman, who is represented as the superintendent of a factory in which a number of young Chinese girls are employed. The film could not be shown in Europe because of its indecencies. The hero is a young Chinese Communist student, who is guided and advised by his friend, a Russian agitator of the Third International. The end of the picture shows the Englishman boarding a steamer to leave China and the happy factory under the management of a Chinese Soviet. The Moscow board of censorship has passed the picture as having untold agitation value, and the management of the Goskino has been congratulated and ordered to make a hundred copies for distribution in Russia and China.

IN THE LONDON DOCKS.

One of the most interesting features of the whole place is found in the number of strange foreign plants which can be seen growing, and sometimes flowering, here, brought, no doubt, by the ships which are busy unloading along the quays and docks on the water's edge. One day, for instance, I found a gully filled with the flowering plants of the eastward, with its red and yellow blossoms. It is true they had dwindled in size since they had been brought by some ship from Africa, but they had managed to survive, and here for several years in succession I found the quaint flowers, which are probably there now, ever dwindling in size yet strangely reminiscent of the rough river-beds from which they came in the days when they were brought from Africa in some packing-case.

These cases are frequently broken open on arrival, and one sees multitudes of tiny plants of unknown species coming up in all likely and unlikely spots. Thousands of tiny seedlings of linseed sprout between the trolley-lines which run along the quay-sides, only to be crushed, but always trying afresh to obtain a footing there. One man who lived in the docks amused himself during a season or two by planting unusual plants round his little wooden shelter, and here one could see flax with its pretty blue flowers, hemp, anise, dill, and many of the spices which the ships bring with them. Once, too, I found numbers of datura plants in flower, scenting the air as they had done in their Eastern home; and once a sheet of henbane, in far larger quantities than I have ever seen anywhere else, unmolested here from year to year.

One day I was watching a reedy gully which bordered a little stream, for the sake of observing the great

numbers of sedge-warblers, who were building their nests in the swaying reeds, when my attention was caught by a flower I had never observed there before, and I found it to be a beautiful gladiolus brought, no doubt, in some case from the Transvaal or another of its native places, and after the first I saw there were several there, having established themselves in the moist soil which caught all the sun it could manage, and indeed the plants seemed to be doing well. Many beautiful natives grow in profusion here also, such as ragwort, which is found in dense masses and in the season is covered with the ringed caterpillars of the cinnabar moth, which in summer fly in vast numbers in the docks, making bright scarlet and black specks in those solitudes.

Other beautiful moths and butterflies love the docks. I have seen copper butterflies settling on the great flowers of the convolvulus, and indeed I never saw this flower elsewhere growing in such beauty as it does here. Sometimes it covers the ground for a long way round with huge white or pink bells, or it will be the small variety, but with a wealth and profusion of flowers difficult to realize. Succory, too, makes many a bare patch of ground beautiful, while in the season toadflax absolutely covers the ground for great distances. One more beautiful effect must be mentioned, for in the autumn starwort runs along the creeks and canals like lines of blue fire. And these are only a very few of the flowers to be seen so near the heart of London.

In the springtime the air is literally filled with the songs of birds. Jackdaws, to be found in great numbers. Black-headed buntings are common here, and robins and wrens, and along the river-bank you can always see long lines of gulls and terns feeding on the edge of the tide or resting on the roofs of the warehouses and other buildings. I saw a very pretty sight one day. A vessel came in from South America and berthed at the "New Dock"—that is, the one built out near the river with a great stretch of green land in front, and here a great number of foreign birds were landed, many of them so tame that they were not confined but were climbing about among the men. Some of them were being sold cheaply by the crew, and you could see lorries and parrots of many kinds, as well as other species, fluttering about among the English foliage. It was a sunny summer day, and the effect of the brilliant plumage was very striking. Once, too, I saw a number of animals intended for the Zoo being landed, and the elephant was swung far above the water in a sling, while a camel made much noise, and both of them walked through the streets on their way to their new quarters. W. L. Purley, in "The Cornhill Magazine."

WORLD FINANCE.

HOW NATIONS PAY EACH OTHER.

NOT THE "POUND OF FLESH?"

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. M. Caillaux lengthily conferred with the Rt. Hon. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, before seeing Winston Churchill at noon.

The principal question discussed by M. Caillaux and Mr. Norman was the French commercial debt, namely, the engagements of the French Government to repay annually sums advanced by the Bank of England to the Bank of France.

It is understood that M. Caillaux will see Mr. Reginald McKenna in the afternoon.

"No Definite Agreement."

Later, that the present Anglo-French negotiations did not end in a definite agreement, but he would return to Paris with new proposals which are to be submitted to the consideration of his colleagues, was the only concrete statement made by M. Caillaux in the evening, discussing with pressmen to-day's numerous meetings.

M. Caillaux probably will again see Mr. Churchill to-morrow and return to Paris on August 27.

Lunch and Interview.

The American Ambassador lunched with M. Caillaux at the French Embassy.

Both afterwards had a long conversation. The interview is regarded as important as if M. Caillaux is able to get a definite indication of America's claims, he may be able to increase his offer to Britain.

U. S. President's View.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Swampscott, August 25. President Coolidge now thinks the American Debt Funding Commission should listen to outstanding debtor nations' plans for more lenient treatment than accorded to Britain and determine in what measure the request should be granted.

The President is of the opinion that the Funding Commission, when working out the British arrangement, established a principle afterwards approved by Congress as the basis of settlement. Every debtor must be of the ability to pay on this basis, not varied in any instance by the Versailles or any other treaty or agreement.

Earlier Cables.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. M. Caillaux spent the morning at the French Embassy with his experts. M. Caillaux later visited financiers in the city, meeting Mr. Churchill at the Treasury late in the afternoon.

While M. Caillaux was busy at the French Embassy Mr. Churchill was similarly engaged with his experts at the Treasury studying the French viewpoint. Owing to last minute changes in the plans M. Caillaux went to the Treasury at noon to see Mr. Churchill.

Paris, August 25. While expressing satisfaction at the "particularly cordial atmosphere" in the conversations between Mr. Churchill and M. Caillaux, the newspapers continue to urge the necessity of special consideration for France.

"L'Echo de Paris" London correspondent says that M. Caillaux insisted that Mr. Churchill give France equal treatment with Italy. The correspondent hopes the impression will not gain ground that Britain is using the question of debts to gain Italy's good graces.

"Le Petit Journal," referring to the "heavy conditions" which the United States imposed on Belgium and the suggestion that the United States impose harsher terms on France, says that the foreign Press and public appear to forget that all this will create a state of economic impossibility.

FRENCH MUTINY.

CONSPIRATORS HEAVILY PUNISHED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 25. Rumours during the past fortnight of a mutiny of the French Mediterranean Fleet, have been denied, but it is now announced that a Court Martial sentenced four sailors of this cruiser to imprisonment varying from one to four years for conspiring against the authority of the Commander.

The sailors complained that the food was bad and refused to obey orders, and attempted to induce a number of comrades to join them.

PLANES SUCCEED.

CAVALRY DRIVE REBELS BACK.

FRANCE'S EASTERN WAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 25. A report from Cairo says that 1,500 Jebel Druse rebels attacked Damascus yesterday morning and was met by French aeroplanes and cavalry and driven back in the direction of Jebel Druse suffering heavy casualties.

An earlier message from the Havas Agency read:—Concerning certain information asserting that the French losses at Jebel Druse totalled 2,000 men, the papers say that the Ministry of War has stated that 800 was the number reported by General Sarrail and had in nowise been altered but was confirmed by a nominative list.

ONE OBJECTIVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 25. The French this morning launched operations, the objective, being the forcing into submission of the Beirite tribesmen who are neighbours of the 'Touls.

Earlier Cables.

(Havas Agency.)

Madrid, August 25. General Primo de Rivera, talking to journalists, declared that preparations have been completed and offensive operations could probably be launched within ten days. While isolating tribes who could help him, he will operate in the very territory of Abd el Krim.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 25. Reports from Madrid state that General Primo de Rivera has announced that the offensive against the Rifis will begin in ten days time.

TARIFF PARLEY.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA ACCEPT.

CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, August 25. The United States Government has formally accepted China's invitation to participate in a Customs Conference in October.

Earlier Cable.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. The British Government has now accepted the invitation of the Chinese Government to attend the Tariff Conference on October 23.

HISTORIC FLIGHT.

MONOPLANE BRINGS REPARATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. The arrival at Croydon to-day of the Junker company triplane engine all metal monoplane was witnessed by many aviators of prominence. The plane brought bonds of the value of £96,600,000 representing the loan security under the Dawes scheme. The Reparations Bonds were placed in the Bank England motor van, guarded by armed police. The German officials who travelled in the aeroplane went to London to attend the breaking of seals and counting of bonds. This is the first time such a German aeroplane has landed in England.

ON THE RHINE.

LATEST EVACUATION DETAILS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Duesseldorf, August 25. The suburbs of Oberassel, Herdorf, being on the left bank of the River Rhine, remain as part of the original occupied territory.

An earlier cable stated:—The French evacuation has been completed.

London, August 25. The death is announced of Major General Reginald C. W. Rees, M.C., and an Indian Mutiny veteran.

London, August 25. The death is announced of the distinguished British aviator, Ross Macdonald, who, during the first English company in India and the first English company in India.

CANTON ANGRY.

OUTBURST OVER PUBLIC MEETING.

"LYDIES AND GENTS."

Canton, if its attitude can properly be gathered from a whirlwind sort of pronouncement in the "Canton Gazette," is very angry with the people of Hongkong because of the public meeting they recently held about affairs in China, observed the "North China Daily News." A few weeks have passed since the Hongkong meeting was held, but the "Gazette" only got news of it on August 4 through Chinese papers, because communications are "rather bad." Whose fault, we think the "Gazette" ought to explain, for it is certainly not that of the British. To get on with the main business, however, the "Gazette" says that although the resolutions may not be quite accurately translated the spirit must have been fully preserved, for anybody familiar with the characteristics of the Britishers in the colonies will easily recognize the spirit permeating their attitude towards the people, to preside over whose destinies they consider themselves as having been specially ordained by Providence itself. The writer shows in this sentence a deplorable lack of originality, and in fact, all through, his stuff is not nearly so good as what we have read emanating from Canton in the past. In fact it reaches an extremely low level when we come to the following passage:—

They (the British residents) clamour for the right to have absolute sway over their workers and servants. What is life in a colony without the right of lordship over a few slaves? Democracy? We have had enough of it "at home." But, of course, we need not dwell on this point, as we may be quite sure that it is the Governor's viewpoint that will prevail and not the "nobodies at home, although lydies and gents in the colony."

Naturally when a writer can find nothing better to inflict upon his readers than this sort of stuff, we expect a full repetition of the lie about the Shamen shooting affair, and we get it. "Massacre" is the term used, and while those guilty should be brought to justice, "assurances and guarantees should be given that such massacres will not be repeated in the future, etc." What does the "etcetera" stand for, we wonder? Perhaps that the British will also no longer consider themselves as being specially ordained by Providence to preside over the destinies of various peoples. It is difficult to tell what is in the minds of these southern journalists.

FUNERAL.

MR. HO SAION LAID TO REST.

The funeral of Mr. Ho Sai-on (seventh son of Mr. Ho Koo-tong), whose death has already been recorded in these columns, took place this morning from No. 29, Conduit Road; the cortege with a large following, and headed by a band, arriving near the University ground at noon.

After a brief halt, during which the followers paid their last respects, the procession wended its way to the Chinese Cemetery.

The funeral was very largely attended by the deceased's relatives and prominent members of the Chinese community. Amongst the attendance were Messrs. Wong Kam-fook, Ho Leung, Ho Kwong, Ho Wing, the Misses Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, Dr. Ma Chiu-ki, Messrs. M. K. and M. W. Lo, the Indian, Y.M.C.A. and Kowloon sections of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. E. Ralphs (Acting Commissioner), Mr. J. Ralston and Professor C. A. Middleton Smith.

The arrangements for the funeral were on a very elaborate scale.

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During the 24 hours ended on Monday, one English (imported) and one Chinese case of enteric fever were reported. Last week's list of notifiable diseases comprised: Paratyphoid fever, one Chinese; enteric fever, one Chinese; one Indian, one Japanese and one Filipino; (imported), two deaths.

The Hongkong steamer "Kwong Hung," while on a trip from Canton to Wanchow, was pirated near Kau Kong, says the "Wah Kiu Yat Po." The captain, Chan Kam, Mr. Liu Chap-tung (Standard Oil native agent at Wanchow) were taken away for ransom. A sum of \$120,000 has been asked for Mr. Liu.



(By courtesy of the "Wah Tsz Yat Po.") The late Chan Chow-lam, formerly editor of the Hongkong "China News," who was shot together with Liu Chung-oi and has since succumbed to wounds.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

MELBOURNE'S DEPORTATION BOARD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, August 25. At a meeting of the Seamen's Union, it was decided that if Mr. H. M. Walsh or any other strike leader was arrested in New South Wales, the seamen would stop work.

Meeting of every branch of the Seamen's Union are being convoked throughout the Commonwealth. Melbourne's government is considering the appointment of a Deportation Board to deal with any development of the proclamation mentioned yesterday.

The Mongolia has sailed for Sydney with an entire crew.

SPREAD TO SOUTH AFRICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 25. An unofficial strike has spread to South Africa. According to report the S.S. Sandgate Castle is held up at Durban.

ARMS SEIZURE.

BIG HAUL BY POLICE IN SHANGHAI.

FIVE ARRESTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, August 26. A Briton, Frenchman, American, German, and a Chinese, (said to be secretary to a Chinese General) have been arrested by the French Police for alleged arms smuggling.

The arms seized consisted of 25 rifles, two pistols, and about 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

The police also seized between \$30,000 and \$40,000 worth of bank notes, which the Chinese, it is said, was to pay for the arms. Other arrests are expected.

AT AN END.

LEGATION STRIKERS RETURN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, August 25. Most of the strikers at the British Legation have resumed, or have been replaced. The authorities of the Legation consider the strike as practically ended.

SANITARY BOARD.

NEW BY-LAWS ADOPTED.

The draft by-laws governing food preserving establishments and aerated water manufactories came up for consideration at a meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday when the chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) remarked that if the members wished to discuss any points, it would be better if the Board went into committee.

The Board went into committee on Dr. Macgowan intimating that he wished to discuss the by-laws covering the quality of water used in making aerated waters, and in the matter of cleaning bottles before they were used a second time. On resuming, the by-laws, as amended, were adopted.

The members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce, Hon. Mr. N. T. Greasy, Dr. J. C. Macgowan, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. W. T'so, and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton (Secretary). Mr. D. Davies was also present.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A District Court Martial, will assemble at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. to-morrow for the trial of a Sergeant of the 38th Heavy Battery, R.A., and such other accused person or persons as may be brought before it.

Between January 1 and June 1 this year 15,000 foreigners have visited Japan as tourists or business visitors, according to figures compiled by the Japan Tourist Bureau. The bureau has been soliciting letters from the tourists, and some four hundred have replied. The majority praise the people and scenery, and kick at the high prices, especially of the rich, which are treble those in China.

Twelve "world heroes" were to be named by school children of the world in a prize contest, unique in the National Council for the Prevention of War at Washington. Names picked by the greatest number of pupils will be chosen and the prizes will total \$1,200, donated by Clarendon L. Middle of New York, and Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Augusta, Me., president of the World Federation of Education Associations, with act as chairman of the award.

Manufacturers of cigars and cigarettes, factories in Puerto Rico should be compelled to provide sanitary conditions prevailing in that island, would do well to follow their example to decrease occupational diseases, Dr. Papardo, director of the Philippine health service, said. General sanitary conditions in 63 tobacco and cigarette factories have improved greatly, according to figures given out by the section of industrial hygiene, Philippine health service, there being no factories receiving a rating, as far as sanitation is concerned, under 75 per cent.; 3 or 3.18 per cent. receiving a rating of from 75 to 79 per cent. inclusive; 54 or 85.71 per cent. receiving a rating of from 80 to 89 per cent. and over.

The British Government has agreed to pay the sum of £900,000 to the Government of the Irish Free State as compensation in full settlement for damage to property or business in Ireland.

"Most men are magnificent. Only the diseased are really ugly. No woman can ever be wholly ugly to a man; desert island life has proved this," states Dr. Haydn Brown, in his new book, "Modern Medical Matters," (Melrose, 5s.).

Japanese immigration to Brazil is increasing according to the authorities of Immigration Company, which announced that 1,300 emigrants would leave for South America soon. It is expected that approximately 3,000 Japanese emigrants will have gone to Brazil by the end of the year.

Reappearance of a village, inundated more than 200 years ago, was noticed recently at Lake Antroum, Switzerland. A landslide caused the water level to recede and gradually the ruins of the old village comprising 42 buildings were disclosed. The village of Antroum Pina was flooded by a monster spring freshet and has lain submerged for three centuries.

The special committee of the Diet, at Tokyo, now revising the Civil Code has about decided to permit women to take the examination for the Bar, and, if successful, to become practising lawyers. For some time women in Japan have been eligible for graduation from medical colleges, and for licences to practice medicine, but the argument heretofore has been that the weaker sex is too sentimental for the law. This has been scoffed at by the leaders of the Women's Suffrage League, who, in a recent petition, says: "Women are certainly better to deal with crimes and home problems than men, because they understand them better." The committee has agreed with this.

Mrs. Margaret T. Rose, widow of Judge U. M. Rose, who died in Arkansas, left instructions that cheerful songs should be sung at her funeral. She urged her children not to "mope and stay at home," but to "go out and brighten the world."

The new Union Station at Chicago has been opened. It covers 35 acres, accommodating 300 trains daily. The main waiting-room is large enough to contain three baseball diamonds, and the station is equipped with a goal, a chapel, and a morgue.

The hansom cab is coming back in London, much to the disgust of the taxi drivers. American visitors who enjoy the romantic feeling of driving about London in one of those old-fashioned conveyances have had much to do with the movement. A year ago, when the revival began, there were only ten of the old-time cabs left in the streets of London. Now there are about seventy. The drivers say their business this spring has been very profitable.

One of the household problems of the Soviet Government is to provide the Russian population with its pre-war supply of shoes. Last year the Russian state factories turned out 22,886,000 pairs of shoes, about one pair for every six individuals. Before the war the proportion was one pair to every three individuals. This relatively small number of shoes is doubtless explained by the fact that the peasants for the most part go barefoot in summer and wear some kind of homemade felt boots in the winter. The Government hopes to produce 28,000,000 pairs of shoes during the present year, but 44,000,000 pairs are needed to satisfy the needs of the country, and new shoe factories are being built in Omsk, Tashkent, Vladivostok, Kiev and "other towns."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Johnstone, Jr., and the last of the "Empress" volunteers, have now returned to the Colony.

Mr. A. W. Blackstone, manager of Messrs. Paterson, Simons & Co., Ltd., Penang, is leaving for home on furlough in about two weeks time.

The death has taken place of Mr. T. E. Jones, at Rokkusan, Kobe. Mr. Jones came to Japan in 1919, and was generally in Yokohama. He was in Europe at the time of the earthquake, and, his office and property in Yokohama being destroyed, he came to Kobe on his return to Japan. He was agent for the Selson Engineering Co., London, and also had a number of other agencies in engineering and machine tool lines. He was a good cricketer, and was a Freemason, and had a large number of friends, among whom he was very popular. Mr. Jones had suffered some ill-health of late, and a touch of the sun two or three weeks ago when playing cricket, probably aggravated his condition. He appeared to have recovered and went up to Rokkusan, but he was suddenly taken ill there, and died. The cause of death was nephritis. He was in his thirty-third year. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Jones in her bereavement, especially in the sad circumstance of being left with a baby only seven weeks old—the only child.

Passengers departing for Home per s.s. Antenor included Mr. Paul Hodgson, stock and share broker, and Mr. G. B. Hett, solicitor.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in Hongkong in November, between Michael H. Turner (late Captain R.A.F.), son of the late Sir George Turner, M.B., and Lady Turner, to Daisy Mair, daughter of Canon Lockett Ford, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and sister of the Rev. S. Ford, vicar of All Souls', South Hampstead.

Japanese papers report that the Imperial Household Department has received notice from Admiral Sinclair, Commander-in-Chief of the British China Squadron, that he will pay a courtesy visit in the latter part of September, and that Prince George will also arrive on the flagship "Hawkins." The visit would have been earlier had not the troubles in China caused delay. The Prince is arriving only in his capacity as a naval officer, but it is announced that there will be a formal reception by the Imperial Family and that the Kasumigaseki Palace will be put at his disposal. Prince George will be the guest of the Prince Regent. Arrangements are proceeding between the Imperial Household Department and the British Embassy.

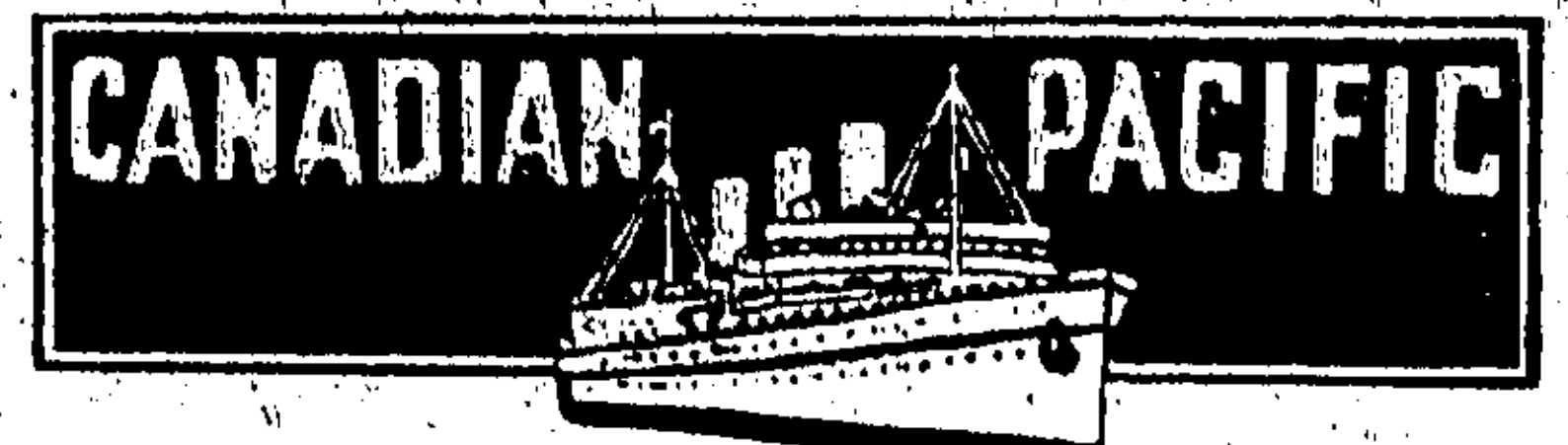
Sir Thomas Beecham has usually been before the public as a musician; it is not often he comes before it as a millionaire. Yet he is both. He gave public performances as a pianist when he was only seven years old, and he has few equals as a conductor. He has been known to take a piece of music, orchestrate it for every instrument in the orchestra in a few hours, and conduct it a week after without looking at the score. It is a superhuman business. No doubt he would have attained to even greater eminence and been known as a composer as well as a conductor had not business claims interfered.

A new book by the ex-Crown Prince has just been published by the Cotta firm, the publishers of his first book and of the famous Bismarck Memoirs. Whether he has been assisted in its compilation as in his first literary effort is not stated, but it is more than probable. The title is literally: "I seek the Truth," and the writer endeavours to rehabilitate Germany in the eyes of the world, denying her responsibility for the war. This time, moreover, he defends his father vigorously, citing various marginal notes and passages by the ex-Kaiser to this end. The book is written in the same natural manner that characterises his Memoirs, but on the whole it is much graver in expression.

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The Secretary of the United States Navy, Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, inspected with much interest the new naval submarine "S 45," America's largest underwater vessel.



PAULINE FREDERICK

Pauline Frederick, star of stage and screen, will again embark on the turbulent sea of matrimony, this time with Charles Coleman, leading man in the show in which she is now touring Australia, according to reports. Miss Frederick's latest husband was Dr. Rutherford, prominent physician.



IBRAHIM MOUSSA, INTEL

Shrieking and moaning, Ibrahim Moussa, one of the three men sentenced to die for the murder of the late Sidar of Egypt, was led from the court chamber to the death cell.



Above: MARY PICKFORD & POLA NEGRI
 Below: H. E. FORDICK & PRINCE HUMBERT

Mary Pickford and Pola Negri were the intended victims of an astounding kidnapping plot announced by Los Angeles police after three arrests were made. A gang, police claim, intended to spirit them away and hold them for \$1,000,000. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, famous modernist preacher, delivered his first sermon as pastor-elect in the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, with three generations of Rockefeller's present Crown Prince Humbert of Italy was the subject of an ovation in the Chamber of Deputies at Rome after Communist members had criticized voting of a 2,000,000 lire honorarium.

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